

External Committee Report

Cumberland Public Libraries

March 2025

March Break 2025

The Amherst Library had a very successful March Break week. With programs including Magnet Madness, LEGO Animals, a puzzle competition and a travelling zoo, we had over 700 people in exclusively for programs. The Amherst Library offered 10 programs during March Break week.

Provincial Budget

The provincial budget that came down in February has kept Library funding for all 9 regions at status quo. At the April meeting the Board will be discussing the options for library services going forward and how to deal with the deficit.

Statistics

In the month of January 2025, Cumberland Public Libraries signed out over 16,000 items, 4,975 items in Amherst alone. This includes books, movies, TV shows, magazines, ebooks and more.

Also in January, Amherst held 16 in-person programs with 271 people in attendance. The Amherst Library had 1,992 in person visits.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025.